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SUBJECT: REPORTED CHANGE IN GOA POSITION ON LNG CONTRACTS PENDING

APPROVAL

REFS: A) ALGIERS 1047; B) STATE 81339

PASS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND EXIM BANK

- 1. MICHAEL FORRESTAL OF U.S. LAW FIRM OF SHERMAN AND STERLING (REPRESENTING SONATRACH) INFORMED ME APRIL 5 THAT GOA WILL SOON ADVISE USG THAT IT WILL TREAT LNG CONTRACTS PENDING DOE APPROVAL AS BACKUP TO CONTRACTS TO SELLING TO CERTAIN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. REASON GIVEN FOR THIS ACTION IS DELAY IN APPROVAL OF U.S. CONTRACTS BY DOE.
- 2. FORRESTAL CLAIMS SONATRACH UNDERSTANDS REASONS FOR DELAY IN APPROVAL OF U.S. CONTRACTS, BUT FEELS IT CANNOT WAIT ANY LONGER WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING FIRM SALES DEALS SOUGHT BY WESTERN EUROPEAN CUSTOMERS.
- 3. COMMENT: IF IT APPEARS FAVORABLE DOE ACTION OF PENDING ALGERIAN CONTRACTS MAY BE FORTHCOMING IN NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH EMBASSY TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO GOA.

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